

✓ 290096  
**Latimer, Becky**

---

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 9:11 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Beatrice Richardson,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at this link: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email>; or you can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117238>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer

Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210



Phone: 803-896-5100

Fax: 803-896-5199

www.psc.sc.gov

Save as PDF file and Email form

to: [contact@psc.sc.gov](mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov)

\* Required Fields

Date: \* 1/30/20

Letter of Protest  
Docket No. 2019-281-S ✓

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* BEATRICE RICHARDSON

Mailing Address \* \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \* COLUMBIA SC Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Palmetto Utilities.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am strongly opposed to Palmetto Utilities' request for a sewer rate hike. Any increase to my sewer bill would impose an undue burden and create a financial hardship. Further, any increase to my sewer bill would be unfair when considering that my usage has not increased.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony?

Yes, I wish to appear at a hearing in this proceeding and offer sworn testimony.

Signature Required

Beatrice Richardson



## *The Public Service Commission State of South Carolina*

Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director  
Phone: (803) 896-5133  
Fax: (803) 896-5246

COMMISSIONERS  
Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Third District  
*Chairman*  
Florence P. Belser, Second District  
*Interim Vice Chairman*  
John E. "Butch" Howard, First District  
Thomas J. "Tom" Ervin, Fourth District  
Swain E. Whitfield, Fifth District  
Justin T. Williams, Sixth District  
  
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Seventh District

Administrative Department  
Phone: (803) 896-5100  
Fax: (803) 896-5246

January 30, 2020

A. Hart

Columbia, SC

Dear A. Hart,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at this link: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email>; or you can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117238>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer



Save as PDF file and Email form  
to: [contact@psc.sc.gov](mailto:contact@psc.sc.gov)

Letter of Protest  
Docket No. 2019-281-S

\* Required Fields

Date: \* 1/28/20

Protestant Information:

Name \* A. Hart — 1 person in Household

Mailing Address

City, State Zip \* Columbia, SC

Close to 2 million  
Per Month income  
66.62/mos  
x 28,000 homes  
\$ 1,865,360.00

I am a 1 person household, 81 y.o. and a very limited income

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Palmetto Utilities. My first bills were around \$22.00/mos., then they jumped to \$52.10/mos., and now proposing \$66.62. In my community, we have 320 homes x \$14.52 increase (from \$52.10 to \$66.62) = \$55,756.80/year. I would like to see last years expenditures and this years budget...!! \$14.52 x 28,000 = \$406,560.00 increase

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am strongly opposed to Palmetto Utilities' request for a sewer rate hike. Any increase to my sewer bill would impose an undue burden and create a financial hardship. Further, any increase to my sewer bill would be unfair when considering that my usage has not increased.

I am a 1 person household why should I be paying the same as 6-10 people in a household? I'm on limited income!!  
How many homes are involved?

Let's get our Utilities back to...!!  
People are moving out because of high Utility bills!!!

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

Yes, I wish to appear at a hearing in this proceeding and offer sworn testimony.

Can we see a budget? On a new home:

1. Builders have to pay a fee to hook up.

2. New Homeowner\* has to pay a fee!

3. Part of doing business is to be able to deliver the goods to the consumer, which entails absorbing cost of updating of business.

Signature Required:

or whatever that uses a sewer line.

**Latimer, Becky**

**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Melvin Smith,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at this link: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email>; or you can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117238>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer



\* Required Fields

## Letter of Protest

**Docket No. 2019-281-S**

Date: \*

### Protestant Information:

Name \*

Melvin A Smith

Mailing Address \*

City, State Zip \*

Columbia SC

Phone \*

E-mail

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Palmetto Utilities.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am strongly opposed to Palmetto Utilities' request for a sewer rate hike. Any increase to my sewer bill would impose an undue burden and create a financial hardship. Further, any increase to my sewer bill would be unfair when considering that my usage has not increased.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \*

Yes, I wish to appear at a hearing in this proceeding and offer sworn testimony.

Signature Required:

Melvin A. Smith